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International application No.
PCT/AU2005/000142**Box No. I Basis of the report**

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

The international application in the language in which it was filed
 A translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 international search (under Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b))
 publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

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the claims:

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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages
- the claims, Nos.
- the drawings, sheets/figs
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- any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*):

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- the claims, Nos.
- the drawings, sheets/figs
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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1 to 13	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1 to 13	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 to 13	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

D1: AU-A-87301/91

D2: WO 1992/016206A

D3: WO 1992/016214A

D4: Drugs & Aging Vol.19 No.5 (2002) pages 355-363

D5: Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics Vol.6 No.1 (1992) pages 51-59

D6: Drug Safety Vol.23 No.5 (2000) pages 429-448

NOVELTY (N)

Claims 1 to 13 are considered to meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2) as possessing novelty over the disclosure of documents D1 to D3. It is noted that document D1 discloses the use of salicylic acid derivatives (of which balsalazide is a known example) in the treatment of non-inflammatory and non-infectious bowel disorders such as irritable bowel syndrome, constipation, non-ulcer dyspepsia, and diverticular disease. Similarly, documents D2 and D3 disclose the use of 5-ASA compounds (of which balsalazide is, again, a known example) in the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome – diarrhoeal phase or Type (IBS-D). These documents, however, neither disclose nor suggest that balsalazide is unexpectedly far more powerful in treating the above-mentioned bowel disorders when compared to other 5-ASA compounds such as mesalazine.

As a result, the matter of the present Claims 1 to 13 is considered to be novel.

Documents D4 to D6 are merely considered to define the general state of the art, in that balsalazide is known to be effective in the treatment of irritable bowel disease (as opposed to the related, but distinct, irritable bowel syndrome).

INVENTIVE STEP (IS)

Claims 1 to 13 – see the comments under novelty above.